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#### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

### Dear Sirs:

This is in response to the final office action dated July 8, 2005. Please make the following changes to the present application.

# **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Claim 12 is withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1, 5 and 9 are objected to because these claim's language does not reflect the support indicated by the Applicant.

Claims 1-8 and 14 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bhragava (U.S. Patent No. 5,471,248) and Jung (U.S. Patent No. 5,805,226.

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Claims 9, 10-11, 13 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.